Application Serial No. 10/656,418 Preliminary Amendment dated December 17, 2004

REMARKS

Applicants request that this Preliminary Amendment be made of record and fully considered prior to the first office action on the merits. Any inquiry regarding this matter may be directed to the undersigned representative at (612) 677-9050.

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